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## BOOK DEPARTMENT

### COUNTY GOVERNMENT

For the first time within the memory of civilized man, county government was made the subject of a state-wide conference, at Schenectady, N. Y., November 14-15, 1914. The proceedings of this conference have just been published and comprise some dozen addresses by specially qualified men on various phases of county administration, and proposals for its reform. All the speakers agreed that county government, at least in New York state, was a proper subject for treatment at the hands of the constitutional convention to the end that administrative responsibility and more effective popular control might be established.

Among the subjects treated at this conference were county audit, county charities, county courts, tax administration and county constabulary. Copies of this pamphlet may be had by addressing the writer at 381 Fourth Ave., New York.

County government as a field of critical and constructive study has been opened up in a number of political science magazines. Among this number may be counted the January number of *Political Science Quarterly*, directed particularly to the needs of the New York constitutional convention, and the August, 1914, number of *The American Political Science Review*.

A number of organizations in different parts of the country are, from time to time, making important contributions to the subject. The Tax Association of Alameda County, 803 Oakland Bank of Savings Building, Oakland, Cal., the Citizens Federation of Hudson County, 537 Summit Ave., Jersey City, the Bureau of Public Efficiency, 315 Plymouth Court, Chicago, the Westchester County Research Bureau at White Plains, the Civic League of Cleveland and the National Short Ballot Organization, 381 Fourth Ave., New York, have produced studies of various county offices, methods and forms of organization. The relation of county government to charities and corrections has been detailed from time to time in the *Survey*.

The only book on the whole subject to date is the volume of *THE ANNALS* for May, 1913.

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### NOTES

BÖHM-BAWERK, EUGEN VON. *Kapital und Kapitalzins.* Pp. xxxv, 747. Price, M. 18. Innsbruck: Verlag-Abteilung der Wagner'schen k. k. Universitäts-Buchhandlung, 1914.

The original editions of this monumental treatise appeared in 1884. Most Americans know it in English translation. A second edition appeared in 1900.